

## BE INFORMED

BDS NATIONAL COMMITTEE

[bdsmovement.net](http://bdsmovement.net)

PALESTINIAN CAMPAIGN FOR  
THE ACADEMIC & CULTURAL  
BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL

[pacbi.org](http://pacbi.org)

WHO PROFITS?

[whoprofits.org](http://whoprofits.org)

## GET INVOLVED

WE DIVEST

[wedivest.org](http://wedivest.org)

U.S. CAMPAIGN TO END  
THE OCCUPATION

[endtheoccupation.org](http://endtheoccupation.org)

US CAMPAIGN FOR THE ACADEMIC  
AND CULTURAL BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL

[usacbi.org](http://usacbi.org)

ARTISTS AGAINST APARTHEID

[artistsagainstapartheid.org](http://artistsagainstapartheid.org)

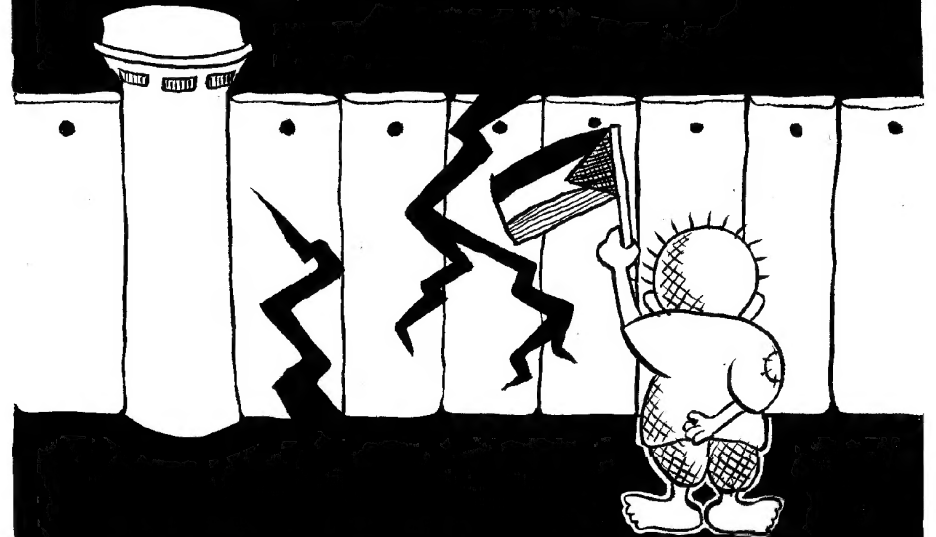
PUNKS AGAINST APARTHEID

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# BDS



## WHAT IT IS, WHY IT MATTERS.

*by leila abdul razzag*

ON 9 July 2005, PALESTINIAN CIVIL SOCIETY ISSUED A STATEMENT CALLING FOR **BOYCOTT, DIVESTMENT, & SANCTIONS** AGAINST ISRAEL UNTIL IT COMPLIES WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW AND BASIC PRINCIPLES OF HUMAN RIGHTS.



WE

**BOYCOTT,  
DIVEST FROM,  
& SANCTION**

## ISRAELI APARTHEID

TO ATTACK  
MECHANISMS  
THAT SUSTAIN  
OPPRESSION.

IN THE TRADITIONS  
OF THE U.S. CIVIL  
RIGHTS AND SOUTH  
AFRICAN ANTI-  
APARTHEID MOVEMENTS.

TO CHALLENGE  
OUR OWN  
COMPLICITY  
IN THE  
OCCUPATION.

IN SUPPORT OF  
UNIVERSAL  
HUMAN RIGHTS

TO HOLD ISRAEL  
ACCOUNTABLE FOR  
ITS HUMAN RIGHTS  
VIOLATIONS.

BECAUSE IT IS THE  
REQUEST OF PALESTINIANS  
ON THE GROUND  
TO THE INTERNATIONAL  
COMMUNITY.

WE ARE PALESTINIANS, ARABS, AMERICANS,  
ISRAELIS, MUSLIMS, JEWS, CHRISTIANS, AND  
MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY  
WORKING TOGETHER TO OPPOSE OPPRESSION  
AND INJUSTICE.



# MANY WELL-KNOWN FIGURES SUPPORT BDS.



DESMOND TUTU

JUST AS WE SAID DURING APARTHEID THAT IT WAS INAPPROPRIATE FOR INT'L ARTISTS TO PERFORM IN SOUTH AFRICA IN A SOCIETY FOUNDED ON DISCRIMINATORY LAWS AND RACIAL EXCLUSIVITY, SO IT WOULD BE WRONG FOR CAPE TOWN OPERA TO PERFORM IN ISRAEL.

ALICE WALKER

IT IS TIME FOR US, EN MASSE, TO ... SIT DOWN IN THE FRONT OF THE ONLY BUS WE HAVE: OUR VERY LIVES... TO SUPPORT BOYCOTT, DIVESTMENT, AND SANCTIONS (BDS) AGAINST ISRAEL TO END THE OCCUPATION OF GAZA AND THE WEST BANK.



ROGER WATERS

BDS IS... WORLDWIDE, AND THERE ARE A GROWING NUMBER OF PEOPLE INVOLVED, AMONG THEM MUSICIANS AND ARTISTS LIKE MYSELF, WHO FEEL THAT ISRAEL'S OCCUPATION... IS ENTIRELY WRONG... AND MUST BE REVERSED BY ALL MEASURES POSSIBLE... [BDS] IS A PERFECTLY LEGITIMATE, NON-VIOLENT POLITICAL TOOL.



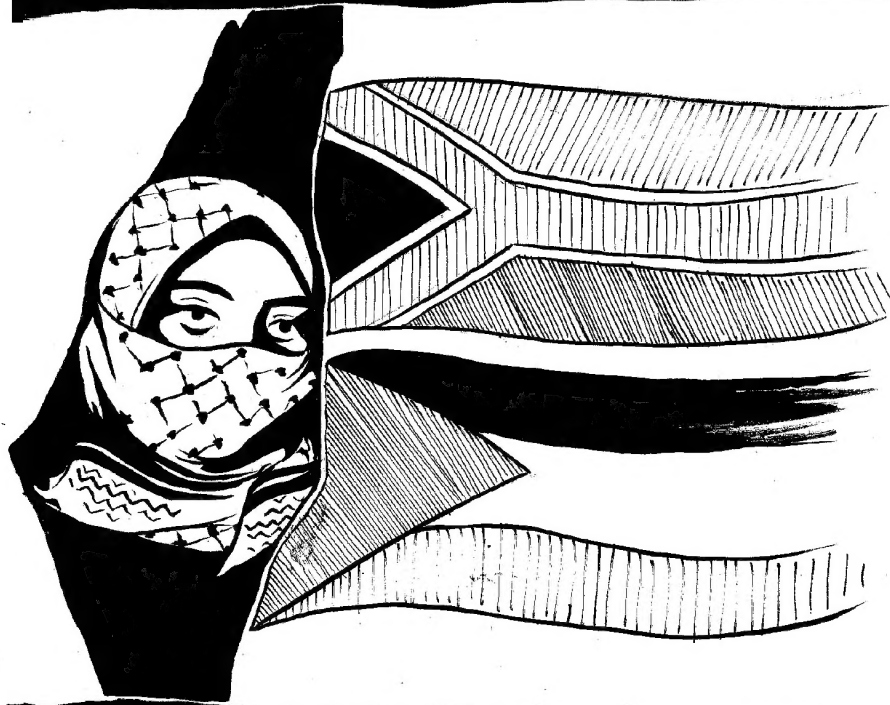
## BDS IS A RESISTANCE TACTIC.

The call demands that Israel meets its obligations under international law and implements...

- 1) The end of the illegal occupation and colonization of all Arab lands, and the dismantling of the apartheid wall.
- 2) The fundamental rights of Arab-Palestinian citizens of Israel to full equality.
- 3) The right of Palestinian refugees to return to their homes and properties, as stipulated in UN Resolution 194.



HISTORICALLY, BOYCOTT HAS BEEN USED BY PALESTINIANS AS A RESISTANCE TACTIC DURING THE 1936-1939 REVOLT AGAINST THE BRITISH MANDATE, AND DURING THE FIRST INTIFADA DURING THE 1980s.



BDS AS WE KNOW IT TODAY WAS INSPIRED BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN BOYCOTT AND DIVESTMENT MOVEMENT, WHICH EVENTUALLY HELPED TO TOPPLE THE APARTHEID REGIME IN SOUTH AFRICA.

# BDS WORKS!

VICTORIES INCLUDE...



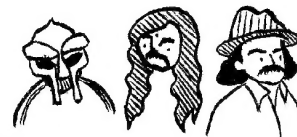
2013/ Divestment resolutions passed at Universities



2013/ Stephen Hawking pulls out of the Israeli Presidential Conference in support of BDS.



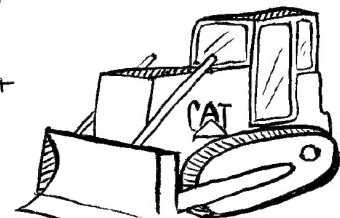
2011/ DePaul Sabra hummus boycott.



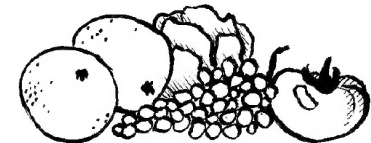
Many artists have also refused to perform or display work in Israel.



2013/ Pledges to end contracts at Israeli checkpoints, prisons, and police stations by 2015.



2012/ TIAA-CREF divests from Caterpillar in its Social Choice fund.



2010/ Olympia food co-op begins boycott of all Israeli goods.

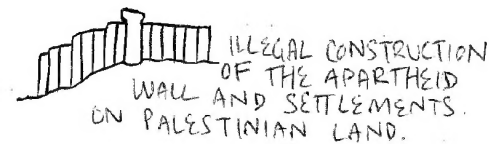
# DIVESTMENT CAMPAIGNS



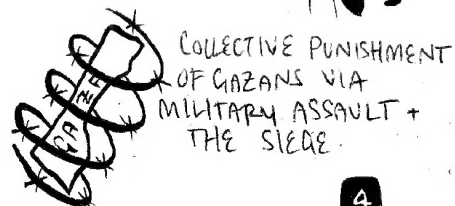
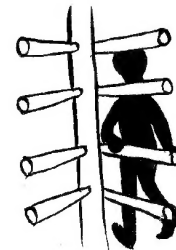
TARGET COMPANIES THAT PROFIT FROM ISRAEL'S CRIMES. THEY CALL ON INSTITUTIONS TO DIVEST THEIR SHARES FROM THESE COMPANIES, AND URGE THEM TO CEASE COMPLICIT ACTIVITIES.

THE CALL FOR BDS IS A RESPONSE TO ISRAEL'S ONGOING HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES AGAINST THE INDIGENOUS PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.

FOR EXAMPLE...



SYSTEMIZED RACISM: CHECKPOINTS AND THE PERMIT SYSTEM



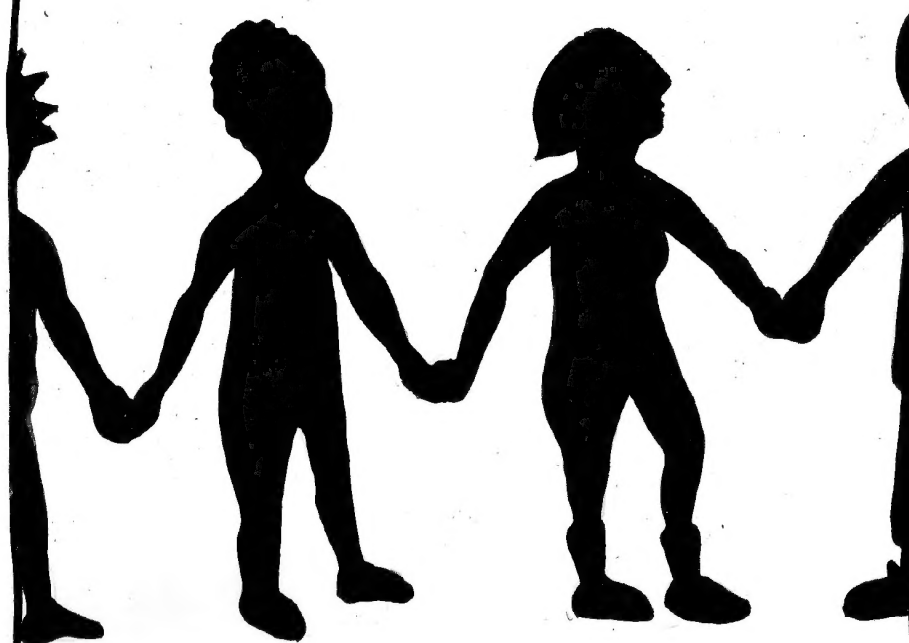
# THE CONSUMER BOYCOTT

ALLOWS US TO COMBAT  
ISRAEL'S HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES  
BY DRAWING ATTENTION TO  
COMPANIES THAT PROFIT FROM  
COMMITTING THEM.



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# THE ACADEMIC & CULTURAL BOYCOTT



IS CHARACTERIZED BY A TARGETED BOYCOTT OF  
ISRAELI CULTURAL AND ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS  
THAT ARE COMPLICIT IN OR WHITEWASH THE  
OPPRESSION OF PALESTINIANS.

CAMPAIGNS CALL FOR ORGANIZATIONS, ACADEMICS,  
AND CULTURAL WORKERS WORLDWIDE TO REFRAIN  
FROM ENGAGING WITH SUCH ISRAELI INSTITUTIONS.

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